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### PRISONS OF SIBERIA

Brutality to Women-

NEW YORK, July 16, 1890 .- Special correspondence of THE HERALD. |-It is my pleasure to supply the demand for information regarding Siberian prisons by placing before my readers two letters, written by

Siberia do net place their authors at such a disadvantage. They were written to the friends and relatives of the exiled women,

and with a tenor that leaves no doubt in their genuineness and sincerity.

One is written in Oust-Kara "Political Prison," and its author, a lady twenty-two years old, condemned to ten years at hard labor in the gold mines of that locality, judiciously left her name unsigned. It was well she did so, for, had her lotter been in tercepted by the government of the Czar, and her identity established, she would have been hung. have been hung.

The other letter bears the date of Ver-

The other letter bears the date of Verholiensk, a settlement on the river Lena, in Eastern Siberia. Its author, also a woman, and but three years older than her fellow-sufferer, is undergoing a sentence of twenty years at hard labor. She signed it with a fictitious name of V. Alexandrova, by which she is known only to her friends. Before I give the contents of the Siberia messages I must tell how they reached me, when they were written, and to give at least a few facts descriptive of the country.

Eastward from St. Petersburg for nearly five thousand miles the great Siberia high way runs across the boundless prairies of European and Asiatic Russia, to the lake of Baikal, on the western border of the Transbaikal province of Siberia; and only

Nihilist located in the province to reach Europe; for the safety of the exiles and their friends and relations demand that they should be forwarded not by mail, in which case they are exposed to the scrutiny of the unscrapulous Prassian official, but torough unofficial channels, which although slow, present a greater safety.



ON THE GREAT SIBERIA HIGHWAY.

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Some New Light on the Hellish
Outrages Perpetrated.

Two LETTERS FROM EXILES

"urta," of the nomadic Mongellan tribe of Jaconter are scattered here and there. There the Nihilists, who finished their term of hard labor in the mines of Oust and Lower Karas, are deported to Verhoitensk in one of these settlements.

It was the lot of my good and unfortunate friend, Biborgal, to be the pioneer exile in the Lower Kara. This was in 1878. Soon after other Nihilist exiles followed im, until in 1882 there were over one hundred males and ten females located on both Karas. To-day there number is many hundreds.

One From the Prison in Oust-Kara and One
From Verholiensk Unexampled
Brutality to Women

Greeds.

They were all young and educated men and women who participated in the events of 1877-1881—the period of the createst activity of the Nihilists; a period during which thousands of Nihilists, like silent shadows, momentarily appeared on the field of battle, with Russian despotism cast their lot and as suddenly disappeared mortally wounded, and since which not one of them remains free but my humble self, and but few are alleve to be found in the wilderness of Siberia. of Siberia.
Until 1882 the life of political exiles on

before my readers two letters, written by women exiled in Siberia, which I recently received. These letters present a timely addition to what became recently known concerning Siberia and an interest the greater, in that, to my belief, they are the only ones of the kind that ever reached America.

They will argue with the readers the subject of Russian Nihilism and Imperial ity of which I am not capable; for, while I as an interested party, might not be absolutely impartial, as I might view the facts in a light to suit the interests of Nihilists, of whom I am one; yet the letters from Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not piace their authors at such a Siberia do not point at more at the such authors was, it is the such as their work karas was, comparatively speak the two Karas was, comparatively speak in the two Karas vas, comparatively speak in the two Karas vas, comparatively



The kara prison.

It is the condition of Siberian exiles, the variety of Lakontik, the capital of the province. Likewise, it takes two. It takes them two and often three years to reach the city of Lakontik, the capital of the province. Likewise, it takes two. The province of prohibit the exiles all communication with the outside world, with their fathers and mothers, wives and bushands; to forbid their accepting any food, ciothing and other helps from sources other than prison admin istration; to forbid them the use of books and writing material; to abolish their labor in the mines, and to keep them forever un-less leaf.

w stayyation stared in the face of the in Siberian political prisons speak for them-

Oust-Kara, August 28, 1886. My Dear Friend:-Since the order of Louis Melikoff began to be enforced our Louis Melikoff began to be enforced our situation became actually desperate, so much so that Kadin, our friend in Lower Kara, took his life by poisoning: Simonof-sky followed him, and Mary Kovalsky became hopelessly demented. She is with us, however, and the ceaseless maniacal cries and the distortions of the face of our demented friend fairly bild us all to lose our reason. The secret order, morcover, affected our situation in more than one way—it left us without the aid of our friends and relations, while the prison food is utterly unwholesome and insufficient. Already acute and chronic calarrh and scurvy are common to all of us.

are common to all of us.

Our daily labors consist of cleaning the prison wards, serubbling, washing, sewing and cooking, and once each day we are unand cooking, and once each day we are unlocked for haif an hour. We go to the
prison yard, and, passing between two lines
of soldiers, we reach a wood yard. Here
we load ourselves with fire wood and return to the prison. The treatment accorded
to us by the prison officials is rough and insulting. From the commandant down to
the warder and his assistants—all the official load for a verse. cials look for an excuse to strike a blow or to curse in a way I cannot repeat. Four years am i here confined, yet I am unable to harden my nerves and to get used to the (about 120 miles from the town of Jakontsk)

Such was the way the letters came to me. On their way they changed many hands before they could be entrusted to the safe lands of the British and United States and United Sta

tortured me! Sophie Shinter stood next to



me. Overcome with fear and emotion she fell to the ground, beating her head against the wails and screaming. It seems as if all

of us became mad.

There are punishments prescribed by the code of the prison rules for every trifling offense; but this is not enough for them, and we are hourly subjected to insults and punishments for no offense at all. The soldiers are ordered to treat as insultingly, and for every instance of their not having and for every instance of their not having acted with appropriate brutality they are severely punished. Here is an instance. A few days ago when, loaded with fire wood, we were returning to the prison, the commandant ordered the soldiers to "drag" to What cancel him to not this reason.

the pleasure of dreaming is gone, and apart from bayonets, soldiers and commands my diseased brain can create nothing better. Few words more concerning our mutual friends. Misses Rousenkova and Leshern

friends. Misses Kousenkova and Leshern von Herzfeldt are here, undergoing life sentences; Misses Kovalsky (demented) and Armfeldt got fourteen years of hard labor each; Koutidonskala and Savandovitch, four years; Levenzon, eight years; and Shitter, six years of hard labor. Shifter is residely shelms would not live to see the Shihter, six years of hard labor. Shihter is rapidly sinking; would not live to see the new year. As to myself, a skeleton cavel oped in a skin, this is how I look to my friends. My hope is vanishing; great effort is needed to keep up my courage and a desire to live. For God's sake write me! Tell me a word of sympathy; wake me up from the state of mental lethargy which drags me to my grave.

VERHOLIENSE, August 28, 1886. My Dear Friend:—It is now over a year-since I wrote you my last, and although material to write you was not wanting I kept silent; what could I tell you' To speak of myself, of my sufferings and sorrows is to cause sorrow to you, whose hap piness is dear to me. Therefore, I shall not speak of myself; let me, instead, acquaint you with the country, whence I send you my love and this message.

Kouznetzoff writes from Bologansk



I was crying. "The guard," he commanded, and a squad of soldiers surrounded curable upon their scanty allowance from the curable upon their scanty allowance from the government nine roubles (ab. ut \$3.50). per month. Sait is to be got only on rare occasions, and at enormous prices. In a

occasions, and at enormous prices. In a word, the allowance is barely enough to buy bread with.

Let'me tell you now a few facts concerning Middle Colima settlements. I take them from a letter by our friend Alexis Artasionoff. In spite of all his appeals to the authorities in Irkoutsk to postpone his departure thither until next spring, he was taken from the prison, and under guard of two Jakonte cossacks driven to his destination. The journey lasted three months. A great variety of vehicles were employed in this eventful travel of our friend. First



wood, we were returning to the prison, the commandant ordered the soldiers to "drag" us. What caused him to act this way we cannot understand. He meant what he ordered, while the soldiers interpreted his command in a more liberal way. How could they understand him otherwise! We meant no resistance, committed no offense, and were actively going in the direction in which we were to be dragged. So the soldiers were content with pushing forward one or the other and striking an occasional blow. They paid dearly for their insubordination: the court martial sentenced them to imprisonment.

Six long years of prison life are yet be fore me; six years of unbearable moral and bodily suffering. God knows if I shall survive them and once more see the light of freedom. All my past, my father's home, my family and friends with their tender love and attention; all joys and happiness of past years—all this seems like a dream before the coarse reality. Dreams were my delight during the first years of my extile life; I dreamed of home life; dreams cheered me, kept up my courage, my hope, warmed up my mind and heart. Now, even the pleasure of dreaming is gone, and apart from bayonets, soldiers and commands my language and commands my language there is no commands my language the soldiers and commands my language the soldiers were foreded to understand.

All my past, my father's home, and crossed through a furious snow boat through a succession of immense lakes and flooded marshes. This is the kingdom of sable and silver fox: dogs are the only domestic animals, of the natives; the for ests are thin and low, and the ground percent the pleasure of dreaming is gone, and apart from bayonets, soldiers and commands my language the soldiers and commands my language the soldiers were accented and left behind. A glacier, thirty to forty versts wide, was mit and crossed through a furious snow belighted the fore the man, the read of the man of t

V. ALEXANDROVA, LEO HARTMAN

Cholera Morbus at Cedar Rapids.

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